



## **Tazewell County**

### **Tazewell Tornado Information**

**Wednesday, November 27, 2013 at 3:00 p.m.**

- **Debris removal.** Please place dumpsters on your property, at least 10 feet away from the back of the curb and at least 10 feet away from fire hydrants. Do not leave dumpsters or debris on the street or public right-of-way. Do not place hazardous waste, large appliances, or electronics in dumpsters.
- **FEMA.** If you were impacted by the tornadoes, you may register with FEMA for grants and low-interest loans. Call 1-800-621-FEMA or 1-800-462-7585 (TTY) or visit <http://www.disasterassistance.gov> to apply for disaster assistance. The FEMA disaster number for Illinois is 4157. \*You must contact FEMA to apply for assistance. If you get a call from someone asking for your personal information, this is a scam.\*
- **Scams.** If you suspect someone is trying to scam you, or if you see suspicious activity, please contact your local law enforcement agency. You may also contact the Illinois Attorney General's Office at 847-417-4893.
- **Multi-Agency Resource Center.** Open Thursday, November 29 and Friday, November 30 from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Evangelical United Methodist Church, 401 Walnut Street in Washington. This is a disaster relief one-stop-shop with helpful information for residents of the area.
- **Power.** Contact Ameren at 800-755-5000 with questions about your service or to cancel service.
- **Volunteers.** If you need volunteer assistance for debris removal, please call 309-698-5001. If you are interested in volunteering, you must be 18 years or older. Individuals may call 309-698-5002 to register. Groups may call 309-698-5003 to register. Volunteers can also register at the Illinois Central College CougarPlex, located on the ICC East Peoria campus at 1 College Drive in East Peoria (near the tennis courts).

Tazewell County would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. We thank you all for your dedication to this disaster relief and for your efforts this past week-and-a-half. We look forward to rebuilding together and are thankful for everyone who has shown their support from near and far.

## OSHA Safety Recommendations

- Ensure the use of tight fitting safety glasses whenever there is the potential for debris entering the workers eyes.
- An engineering survey should confirm the structural integrity of framing, floors, walls, and any other portion of the structure or adjacent structure and the possibility of an unplanned collapse prior to exposure to the surface.
- Workers should maintain a distance of at least 10 feet or more from all electrical power lines.
- Anytime a worker is 6 feet or more above the surface below the worker must use feasible fall protection system to protect the worker.
- Procedures should be developed to prevent workers from being struck by vehicles and moving equipment and ensure workers near traffic areas wear appropriate high visibility clothing.
- A ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) should be used whenever an extension cord or any electrical equipment is used at a work site.
- Ensure levels of carbon monoxide are maintained below 50 ppm in work areas when there are gas powered equipment, vehicles, space heaters, or other sources in use.
- All ladders must be able to support the load, stable and secure, and arranged so that the ladder extends at least 3 feet higher than the surface of exit for the ladder.
- Ensure suitable protective gloves are used to protect from sharp objects and other hazards.
- Ensure use of proper safety precautions when operating a chain saw such as hearing protection, face protection, safe escape route, safe method for dropping limb or tree.
- Prevent frostbite and hypothermia by wearing layers of clothing, using warming locations, and avoid becoming wet.
- Avoid entering excavations or other below grade areas until suitable methods are used to prevent soil and other materials from collapsing into the area.
- Ensure all saw blades and rotating parts of equipment are guarded to prevent amputations and other injuries.